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SUBJECT: UNCTAD INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS

1. WE UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS A DEBATE IN RICE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND US DELEGATION OVER INTERPRETION OF RESOLUTIONS 83(III) AND 7(VII). UNCLEAR AS TO ISSUES DEBATED. FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF POSITION PAPER FOR JUTE CONSULTATIONS AGENDA ITEM 3. ATTEMPTED TO REFLECT TWO POINTS APPARENTLY DEBATED. FIRST POINT IS IN KEEPING WITH PREVIOUS*CONTROVERSIES OVER THIS ISSUE, BUT SECOND POINT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. POINTS FOLLOW:QUOTE

A). THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE AD HOC CONSULTATIONS WERE ONLY CONSULTATIONS OR MIGHT INVOLVE NEGOTIATIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS BY GOVERNMENTS WAS DEBATED IN THE

RICE CONSULTATIONS. THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AND SEVERAL LDCS INTERPRETED RESOLUTIONS 83 (III) AND 7 (VII) AS PROVIDING FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER LANGUAGE ADOPTED IN THE REPORT INDICATED THAT "... NO GOVERNMENT WAS IN A POSITION TO COMMIT ITSELF TO A PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION DURING THE INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS."

B). THE PURPOSE OF THE AD HOC CONSULTATIONS WAS AN ISSUE IN THE RICE CONSULTATIONS, WITH THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT MAINTAINING THAT THE AIM OF THE CONSULTATION WAS PRIMARILY TO ACCRUE BENEFITS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS THE

U.S. VIEW THAT AS STATED IN RESOLUTION 7 (VII), THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS AND RESULTING BENEFITS SHOULD FURTHER THE WELFARE OF ALL COUNTRIES, AND OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR. END QUOTE

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF ACCURACY OF ABOVE OR NECESSARY AMENDMENTS AS U.S. DEL FROM WASHINGTON TO RICE CONSULTATIONS UNAVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO CABLING RESPONSE INFO TO FAO, PLEASE CALL US DEL WILLIAM STARKEY (USDA) AT FAO ROME FEB 11 OR FEB 12.

4. APPEARS BOERNER UNABLE TO BE ON US DELEGATION FOR FATS AND OILS CONSULTATION. IF KOCHANNEK AVAILABLE WOULD APPRECIATE HIS PRESENCE AT INTENSIVE FATS AND OILS CONSULTATIONS FEB. 25-27. PLEASE ADVISE WASHINGTON ASAP. KISSINGER

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